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SUMMARY. DURING FOUR DAY VISIT TO JAPAN OF PRIME MINISTER  
CHIRAC, FRENCH SAY THEY OBTAINED JAPANESE "MORAL  
COMMITMENT" TO WORK TOWARD EXPANSION AND BALANCING OF  
FRANCO-JAPANESE TRADE, WHICH CURRENTLY MODEST AND HEAVILY  
IN JAPANESE FAVOR. BOTH SIDES APPARENTLY WELL SATISFIED  
BY "FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" AT PM AND FONMIN LEVEL.  
INTER ALIA, MIYAZAWA AGAIN EVIDENCED PESSIMISM OVER  
PROSPECTS FOR PFT, CHIRAC DENIED THAT THERE IS A "COMMUNIST  
DANGER" IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND SAUVAGNARGUES MAY  
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OR MAY NOT HAVE HINTED AT WANING FRENCH SUPPORT

FOR THE ROK IN THE UN. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE BARRE OF FRNCE VISITED JAPAN JULY 28 TO AUGUST 1. CHIRAC MET TWICE WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND HELD PRESS CONFERENCE; SAUVAGNARGUES TALKED WITH FONMIN MIYAZAWA AND LED FRENCH SIDE AT ANNUAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. BARRE TALKED WITH ITI MINISTER KOMOTO AND SQUEEZED IN SIDE TRIP TO SEOUL. EMBASSY SUMMARIZES BELOW HIGHLIGHTS OF FRANCO-JAPANESE DISCUSSIONS AS TOLD US MAINLY BY FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR GORY AND MOFA FIRST WESTERN EUROPE DIVDIR NOMURA.

2. BILATERAL TRADE. FOREMOST OBJECTIVE OF FRENCH WAS TO SECURE JAPANESE COOPERATION IN EFFORT TO EXPAND TWO-WAY TRADE (\$1,170 MILLION TOTAL IN 1975) AND BRING IT INTO BALANCE (\$168 MILLION IN JAPANESE FAVOR IN 1975). THE FRENCH (TO US, GORY, AND TO EC COLLEAGUES, AMBASSADOR BRUNET) SAY THEY HAVE OBTAINED A JAPANESE "MORAL COMMITMENT," EVIDENCED BY REFERENCE IN JOINT PRESS RELEASE TO NEED FOR "BALANCED PROMOTION" OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS. KOMOTO AND BARRE AGREED ON THE DISPATCH TO FRANCE THIS AUTUMN OF A JAPANESE "IMPORT PROMOTION MISSION." WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRENCH DECRIED WELL-KNOWN BARRIERS TO FOREIGN PENETRATION OF JAPANESE MARKETS AND URGED JAPAN TO PURCHASE CONCORDE, AIRBUS AND OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY ITEMS. JAPANESE IN TURN ASKED FRENCH TO LIFT IMPORT QUOTAS ON TV'S, RADIOS, ETC. AND SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH MIGHT DO BETTER TO PUSH CONSUMER GOODS IN JAPANESE MARKET. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH ALSO URGED JAPANESE PURCHASE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTORS AND TO USE ANGLO-FRENCH NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITY. JAPANESE EVIDENTLY WERE INTERESTED IN LATTER PROPOSITION BUT NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT FRENCH STIPULATION THAT WASTE PRODUCTS AS WELL AS REPORCESSED FUEL BE RETURNED TO JAPAN.

3. ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THIRD WORLD. PRESS  
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STATEMENT NOTES APPROVINGLY FRANCO-JAPANESE VENTURES IN ABU DHABI, NIGER AND IRAN AND CALLS FOR MORE COOPERATION IN FUTURE. BOTH GORY AND NOMURA TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT MOST LIKELY SUCH PROJECT IS EXPLOITATION OF VIETNAMESE OFFSHORE OIL DEPOSITS. WE ARE TOLD THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRENCH AND JAPANESE OIL INTERESTS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE WELL ADVANCED. NOMURA SAID THAT SUBJECT WAS ON AGENDA OF

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOT DISCUSSED BECAUSE  
TIME RAN OUT BEFORE AGENDA COMPLETED.

4. FRENCH DIPLOMATIC OBJECTIVES. CHIRAC,  
DESCRIBING EUROPEAN SCENE FOR MIKI, STRESSED THAT  
GISCARD GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS UNCHANGED PRINCIPLES  
ESTABLISHED BY DEGAULLE, TO WIT: (A) NON-ACCEPTANCE  
OF SUPERPOWER HEGEMONY IN EUROPE; (B) MAINTENANCE  
OF FRENCH AUTONOMY; (C) AS NATO MEMBER, COOPERATION  
WITH WESTERN POWERS BUT NOT INTEGRATION. REGARDING  
DETENTE, CHIRAC NOTED (UNSPECIFIED) DIFFICULTIES, BUT  
SAID FRENCH CONTINUE TO PROMOTE RELAXATION OF  
TENSIONS IN LINE WITH HELSINKI AGREEMENT.  
HE SAID THAT IMPORTANT TASKS OF FRENCH DIPLOMACY ARE  
BUILDING RELATIONS WITH MEDITERRANEAN LITTORAL  
STATES AND STRENGTHENING AID TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.

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5. THE EC. ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, CHIRAC SAID THAT RECESSION, DIFFERENTIAL RATES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO EC HAS SLOWED PACE IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS. FRANCE REGARDS EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN CONFEDERAL FRAMEWORK AS IMPERATIVE TO COPE WITH EXTERNAL THREATS AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL. FRANCE IS NOT IN A POSITION, HOWEVER, TO GRANT GREATER AUTHORITY OT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. CHIRAC SAID HE WELCOMES GREECE'S APPLICATION TO JOIN THE EC. POSSIBLE SPANISH ACCESSION POSES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO FRANCE, BUT POLITICALLY, IT MUST BE PROMOTED.

6. EUROCOMMUNISM. MIKI SAID THAT JAPAN HAS BEEN ATTENTIVE TO THE POSSIBLE "BREAKTHROUGH" OF  
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COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY IN ITALY. EVIDENTLY HE TOUCHED A SENSITIVE NERVE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHIRAC IN RESPONSE WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH TO THE EFFECT THAT ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IS SKILLFUL, IN SUBSTANCE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A COMMUNIST DANGER IN WESTERN EUROPE. THE COMMUNISTS' PROGRESS IS MUCH LESS THAN OFTEN PREDICTED. ITALY, HE SAID, IS A PROBLEM, BUT EVEN THERE THE PROSPECT OF THE CPI BECOMING THE LARGEST PARTY IS REMOTE. HE, CHIRAC, IS CONVINCED THAT ITALY WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COMMUNISTS IN THE MIDDLE-TERM. (CHIRAC ALSO, NOMURA SAID, INDICATED DISSATISFACTION WITH FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICS.)

7. JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC OBJECTIVES. MIKI IN TURN GAVE CHIRAC A RUNDOWN ON THE ASIAN SCENE, STRESSING THREE CARDINAL PRINCIPLES. THESE ARE: (A) MAINTENANCE OF A CLOSE US-JAPAN CONNECTOON; (B) EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION; (C) AVOIDANCE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION. HE CONFIRMED JAPAN'S INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH HANOI AND GIVE LOW-KEY SUPPORT TO ASEAN. HE DOWNS NOT, HE SAID, EXPECT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ASEAN STATES AND THE VIETNAMESE. KOREA IS IN THIS RESPECT OF GREATER CONCERN, BUT THERE TOO HE DOUBTS THERE IS A THREAT OF WAR. JAPAN WILL NOT YIELD ITS CLAIM TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES; THIS MAY COOL POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR A LONG TIME, BUT IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC TIES.

8. THE JAPAN-CHINA PFT. ONCE AGAIN MIKI AND MIYAZAWA APPEARED TO BE AT VARIANCE ON THE OUTLOOK FOR THE JAPAN-CHINA PFT. MIKI IS SAID TO HAVE LIMITED HIS REMARKS ON CHINA TO A STATEMENT THAT THE PFT NEGOTIATIONS ARE DIFFICULT, BUT THAT A TREATY IS NOT UNATTAINABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MIYAZAWA WAS MUCH MORE RESERVED. HE STRESSED THAT THE HEGEMONY CLAUSE PER SE IS NOT CONTENTIOUS, BUT THE CHINESE ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT JAPAN INTERPRETS  
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IT IN THE PROPER SPIRIT. AND, MIYAZAWA CONTINUED, THE CHINESE "HAWKS" WHO HAVE BEEN ON TOP IN PEKING SINCE CHOU EN LAI'S DEATH ARE UNLIKELY TO GIVE ANY GROUND ON THIS POINT.

9. POST-MAO CHINA. MIYAZAWA'S GLOOM EXTENDED ALSO TO CHINESE INTERNAL EVOLUTION. HE AND SAUVAGNARGUES AGREED THAT VICE PREMIER CHANG CHUN CHIAO, AS WELL AS ACTING PREMIER HUA KUO FENG, WILL LIKELY BE IMPORTANT IN A NEW COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. HOWEVER, MIYAZAWA STRESSED, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT RUN, "THE DOCTRINAIRES" WILL GAIN AT PRAGMATIST'S EXPENSE. (SAUVAGNARGUES, BY CONTRAST, FORESAW PRAGMATISTS AT THE HELM). EVEN SHOULD THE CHINESE MODERATES PREVAIL, MIYAZAWA SAID, HE DOUBTS ANY MENDING OF CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

10. KOREA. WE HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERING ACCOUNTS OF THE MIYAZAWA-SAUVAGNARGUES CONVERSATION ON KOREA. THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS IT THAT THE FRENCH FONMIN SAID THAT, "IF THE SEOUL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES AN OPPRESSIVE POLICY TOWARD ITS PEOPLE, IT WILL BECOME DIFFICULT FOR FRANCE AND OTHER PRO-SEOUL COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT SOUTH KOREA AT THE UNITED NATIONS." FRENCH DIPLOMATS HERE FLATLY DENY THAT SAUVAGNARGUES SAID ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT KOREA, BUT RATHER THAT IT WAS MIYAZAWA WHO WENT ON IN THIS VEIN. GORY TOLD US THE JAPANESE FONMIN DESCRIBED THE ROK AS A BIG ECONOMIC SUCCESS, BUT A COUNTRY WHOSE STYLE OF GOVERNMENT PUTS ITS FRIENDS IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE PRESIDENT PARK AS "BASICALLY A GOOD MAN, BUT A SLAVE OF CIRCUMSTANCES." NOMURA, ON THE OTHER HAND, CLAIMED THAT SAUVAGNARGUES DID COMMENT UNFAVORABLE ON THE ROK HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, NOT AT THE MEETING BUT AT LUNCH FOLLOWING. HOWEVER, SAID NOMURA, THE FRENCH FONMIN DID NOT LINK THIS TO ANY HINT OF CHANGE IN THE FRENCH POSITION ON KOREA IN THE UN.

11. ARMS CONTROL. IN WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A  
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PRO FORMA EXCHANGE, MIKI URGED THAT FRANCE ACCEDE  
TO THE NPT AND JOIN THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT TALKS.  
CHIRAC DEMURRED.

12. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. IN AN INITIATIVE WHICH  
HAS DELIGHTED AT LEAST OUR BELGIAN AND  
ITALIAN COLLEAGUES, THE JAPANESE DURING THE  
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS SAID THAT THE GOJ VERY  
MUCH HOPES THAT THE EC WILL SOON ARRIVE AT A  
COMMON POLICY ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.  
THEY NOTED THAT EUROPEAN DISARRAY HAD MUCH HAMPERED  
COORDINATION AT UNCTAD, IV, AND WORRIED THAT IT  
MAY IMPACT BADLY ON CIEC.

13. FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. MIKI ACCEPTED IN  
PRINCIPLE AN INVITATION TO VISIT FRANCE.  
GISCARD, CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING, IS EXPECTED TO  
VISIT JAPAN NEXT APRIL.  
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